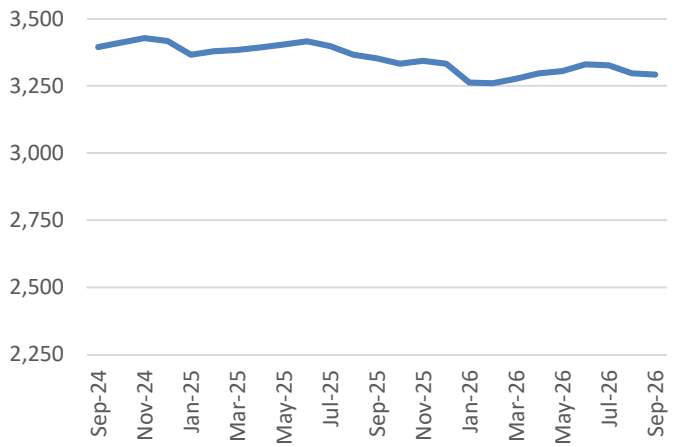
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In September, over-the-year employment decreased by 61,000 jobs or 1.8 percent in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the national over-the-year employment increased by about 509,000 jobs or 0.3 percent. Locally, the Leisure & Hospitality Sector lost 3,800 jobs, and the Educational & Health Services Sector lost 900 jobs, and the Professional & Business Sector lost 13,500 jobs during the last year. The Federal Government Sector lost 41,200 jobs between September 2025 and September 2026. The number of Federal Government Sector jobs is 312,600 jobs in September. The region's inflation increased to 4.1 percent in September 2026 from a rate of 4.0 percent in July 2026. During September, the region's unemployment rate decreased to 3.7 percent while the national rate decreased to 4.0 percent. The 1,474 new housing units authorized during September 2026 represent a 48.4 percent increase from September 2025, when 993 new units were started. For a list of jurisdictions in the MSA, visit **mwcog.org/REMS**.

Washington MSA Total Employment

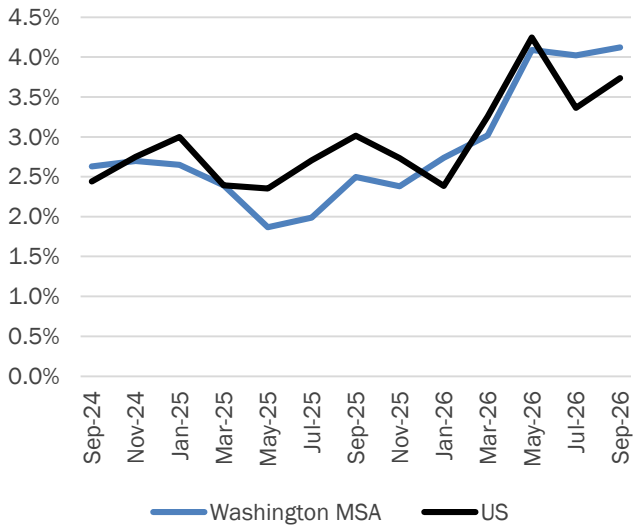
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES,Not Seasonally Adjusted



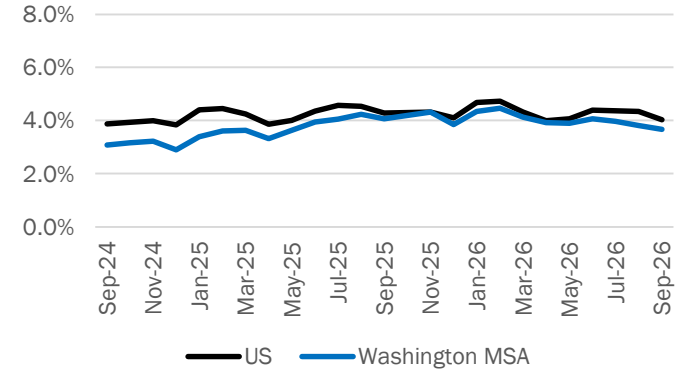
Over-the-Year Inflation Rate Washington MSA and US

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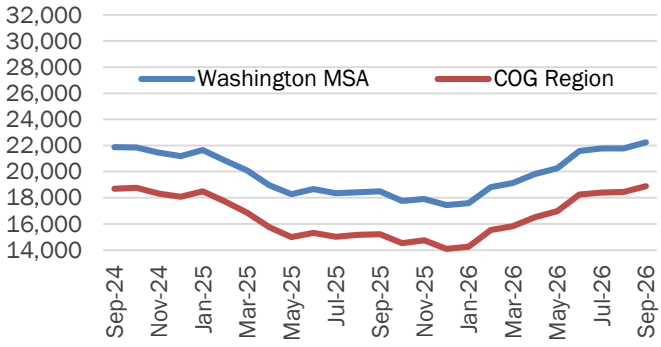
Unemployment Rate Washington MSA and US

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New Housing Units Authorized 12-Month Total, Washington MSA and COG Region

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Washington MSA At-Place Employment, by Industry Group* - September 2026

(1,000s of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES, Not Seasonally Adjusted

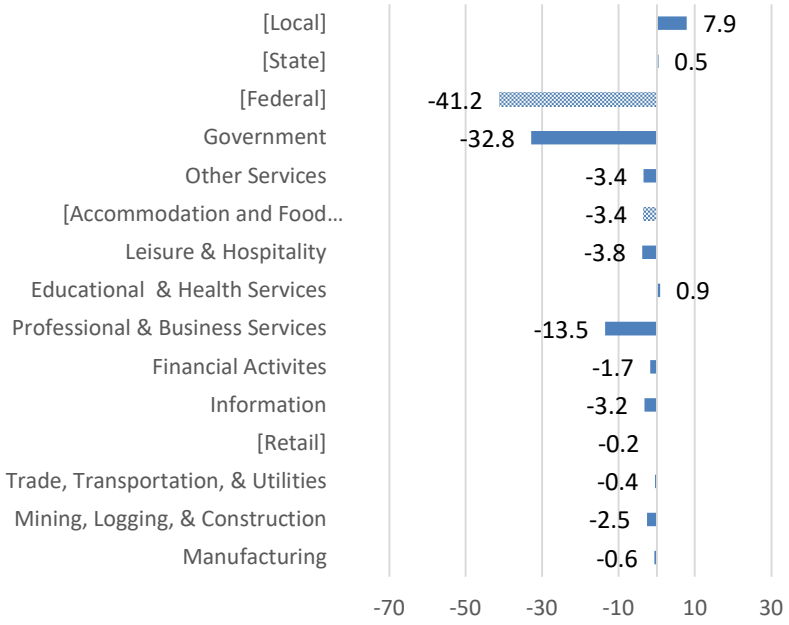
Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing	55.9	1.7	-0.6	-1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	172.2	5.2	-2.5	-1.4
T,T, & U	397.8	12.1	-0.4	-0.1
[Retail]	251.4	7.6	-0.2	-0.1
Information	78.5	2.4	-3.2	-3.9
Financial Activities	151.8	4.6	-1.7	-1.1
Prof. and Bus. Services	769.4	23.4	-13.5	-1.7
Educ. & Health Services	495.0	15.0	0.9	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	318.4	9.7	-3.8	-1.2
[Accom. and Food Services]	268.1	8.1	-3.4	-1.3
Other Services	176.4	5.4	-3.4	-1.9
Government	663.3	20.6	-32.8	-4.6
[Federal]	312.6	9.5	-41.2	-11.6
[State]	86.3	2.6	0.5	0.6
[Local]	277.7	8.4	7.9	2.9
Total	3,292.0	100.0	-61.0	-1.8

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
*Industry classification is based on the North American Industry Classification (NAICS). Data reflects inputs, re-estimation, and new statewide controls. Data have been revised to reflect 2026 benchmarks. Data from April 2012 are subject to revision.
T,T, & U stands for Trade, Transportation & Utilities; Prof. and Bus. Services stands for Professional and Business Services; Educ. & Health Services stands for Educational & Health Services; Accom. and Food Services stands for Accommodation and Food Services.

Washington MSA Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Group* September 2026

(1,000s of Jobs)

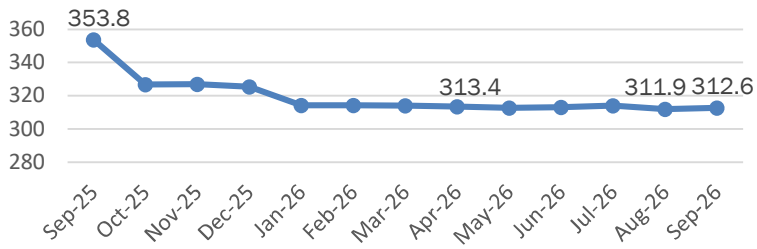
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES, Not Seasonally Adjusted



Washington MSA Total Federal Government Employment

(1,000 of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES, Not Seasonally Adjusted



Selected Monthly Indicators Washington MSA

				Change from Last Year
	Number	Month	Number	Percent
New Homes Auth.	1,474	Sep-26	481	48.4

	Rate (%)	Month	Rate Last Year
Unemployment Rate[1]	3.7	Sep-26	4.1
Inflation Rate[2]	4.1	Sep-26	2.5

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
New Homes Authorized – U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey
[1]Indicates MSA-level Data
[2]The regional inflation rate is reported bi-monthly.

Over-the-Year – Compares the present month with same month last year. For example, Over-the-year Percent Job Growth in in December 2023 is the percentage change between December 2022 and December 2023 in the number of jobs.

At-Place Employment – The number of jobs within a given area. Although some employment data include the number of areas residents who have jobs, at-place employment counts the actual number of jobs in an area.

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